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## **Greetings Support Brokers!**

I hope this summer has been good to you all! As we roll into the next quarter of our fiscal year, we have updated the Support Broker Manual to include the changes to the program:

- Pages 12-13 of the SB Manual include new language and clarifications surrounding annual re-qualifications for Support Brokers.
- Page 15 of the SB Manual includes changes to and clarifications regarding the Employment Agreements.
- Pages 20 and 39 include clarification regarding billing of TSM and TSS and that additional supports may be billed in conjunction.
- Page 26 pf the SB manul includes the reqirement for Employment Agreements needing to be completed every year with the annual Support and Spending Plans.
- Page 32 includes information regarding the definition of a late plan and what this mean for the participant.
- Page 33 includes language surrounding the Elements of Care in a CFH and what this means for writing Support and Spending Plan goals.
- Page 40 includes the information regarding age requirements of a CSW. A
  memo regarding this update was posted on the SD Website earlier in the
  month.

Examples of a Support and Spending Plan and MVMC Workbook written with the Elements of Care in mind can be found in the appendices of the manual.

Self Direction is an option that supports a person gaining skills that will allow the partipant to live as independently as they can in the community. If a person lives in a Certified Family Home, the goals on the SSP should be geared to skill acquisition. If a person lives in their own home or apartment, there should be a combination of personal support, and skill acquistion goals.

If you have questions regarding these updates please contact your Regional Care Manager.

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